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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, SEPTEMBER 11th, 1911.

Among those who read the news now daily
coming over the cables concerning the
staggering developments in France and
Belgium, arising out of the abnormally high
price of food, few, perhaps, are aware that
we have at our own doors a problem of the
same kind in the making. Owing to floods
and famine and the failure of crops in
Kwangtung, the Yangtze provinces and
Siam (Hongkong and South China's chief
source of supply) the staple food of the
people has risen in price during the past
month to an extent which is creating a good
deal of alarm in the Colony. Rice, which
could have been bought a month ago at
\$5.50 per picul, to-day costs \$10.50, and the
tendency of the market is still upward. So
far as we can learn, stocks are fairly large
in Hongkong, and merchants who are
persuaded that prices will soar much above
the present height are exerting themselves to
purchase all the rice they can. For the poor
consumer, the position is bad enough
already, but there is every prospect of it
becoming much worse, especially if the
market is "cornered," here, as it appears to
have been cornered in Japan. We commented
a week or so ago on the efforts which the
Government of Japan had been making to
cope with the situation, and we are asked
whether it is not possible for the Govern-
ment in Hongkong to take early measures
to prevent the price of rice here becoming

absolutely prohibitive to the great mass of
the Chinese population of the Colony. We
confess we are unable to see what course is
open to the Government. In Japan allevia-
tion of the position was first sought by
a temporary reduction in the import duty, but
it did not affect the situation to any appreci-
able extent. Seeing this the Japanese Govern-
ment took the further step of suspending
forward transactions on the Rice Exchanges
thereby hoping to cause speculators to dis-
pose of their large stocks. Whether or not
this proves effective remains to be seen;
but even so it does not necessarily follow
that there will be a return to normal prices.
However, neither of these expedients is open
to the Government in Hongkong, but if
powerless to control the situation, we have
no doubt that the Government will give all
practicable support to efforts which may be
made by philanthropic or commercial
organisations in the Colony to avert the
threatened rice famine. In this connection,
we understand that Messrs. Tse Tsan Tai
and Tam Mui Kiu have written to the Tung-
Wa Hospital, the Chinese Commercial Union
and the Pat Yip Fungine Relief Society
urging them to convene a meeting for the
purpose of considering the situation, and
devising ways and means for coping with
the serious situation which this Colony and
South China generally will shortly have
to face. It is a timely suggestion,
which should be acted upon without
delay, because it is generally recognised
that prices are destined to go far
beyond the present abnormally high quota-
tions. We trust, however, that the develop-
ments in this part of the world will bear
no resemblance to the ugly features of the
situation in France and Belgium which has
arisen out of a sudden enhancement in the
price of the people's staple foods. "Dear
food riots," however, are not unknown in
China and a knowledge of this fact should
prompt the authorities everywhere to take
time by the forelock and find ways and
means of meeting a situation that threatens
to become intolerable to starving men. Two
or three small disturbances of this kind
occurred last week at Shanghai. The position
in the North appears worse than in the
South. We learn from the N. C. Daily News
that while there is enough for immediate
consumption, the outlook for the future is
grave. The Chinese Chamber of Commerce
at Shanghai has held a meeting upon the
subject, and it is understood that the mem-
bers have decided to borrow Tls. 400,000
from the Taching Bank, through the
Governor at Soochow, to purchase rice for
sale locally, and also to ask Peking to
remove the embargo against the export of
rice from Kiangsu ports. The rice would
have to be obtained from Hongkong and
Siam. A telegraphic inquiry elicited from
Hongkong a reply to the effect that 10,000
piculs are available, and that a similar quanti-
ty might be obtained from Siam. There is
widespread distress caused by the floods in
the Yangtze Valley and extensive damage
has been done to the rice crops in the
neighbourhood of Foochow and Swatow.
The demand from China and Japan is there-
fore likely to be greatly in excess of the
supply, and if the situation becomes ag-
gravated by speculation—a by no means
unlikely event—the problem will become
very serious indeed.

The recent floods in the neighbourhood of
Swatow are stated to have caused great loss of
life.

Mr. James Johnstone has been appointed a
surveyor of boilers of unlicensed steamships
under 60 tons burden in Hongkong.

New regulations for the maintenance of good
order and the preservation of property in King's
Park, Kowloon, are published in the current
issue of the Gazette.

The Gazette publishes conditions of the licence
to store 30 gallons of petrol for the use of motor
cars in the ground floor and backyard of a
domestic building.

The new form of certificate of foreign process,
made by his Honour the Chief Justice under
the Code of Civil Procedure is published in the
current issue of the Gazette.

While a woman residing at 85, Queen's
Road East was bathing, she left her earrings
and ear drops on the window sill. On going to
pick them up after her ablutions she found that
they had disappeared.

It is notified in the Gazette that typhoon
warnings will in future be displayed from the
masthead of the storm signal mast on Signal
Hill, Kowloon Point, instead of on the
flagstaff in front of the Water Police Station.

At to-morrow's meeting of the Sanitary
Board the President will submit a minute re-
lative to the burial of infectious corpses, and
another minute will be submitted by the
Colonial Veterinary Surgeon relative to an out-
break of rinderpest at the Kennedy Town Cattle
depot.

Mr. A. E. Wright, executive engineer, has
been deputed by His Excellency the Govern-
or-in-Council to act on behalf of the Building
Authority in all cases referred to in sections
205, 206, 207, 207A of the Building Ordinance,
1903-1909, in connection with dangerous
buildings.

An extract of meteorological observations
made at the Hongkong Observatory during the
month of August shows that the average
maximum temperature for that period was
85.2, the mean 81.9 and the minimum 78.4
degrees. A total of 30.060 inches of rain fell,
and we had 191.5 hours of sunshine.

It is announced in the orders by Major-
General C. A. Anderson, C.B., Commanding
the Troops in South China, that the rate of the
dollar for the quarter commencing 1st October,
1911, has been fixed by the Treasury at 18.91 (one
shilling and ninepence) for all payments fixed
in sterling which have to be made at Hongkong
and on the China Station.

Returns of the average amount of bank notes
in circulation and of specie in reserves in Hong-
kong, during the month ended 31st August,
1911, as certified by the managers of the respec-
tive banks, are as follows:—

BANKS.	AVERAGE AMOUNT.	SPECIE RESERVE.
Chartered Bank of India	\$ 6,310,653	\$ 4,500,000
Australia and China	\$ 15,952,986	\$ 9,000,000
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation		
Total	\$22,263,639	\$13,500,000

A SEIZURE OF ARMS.

As a Chinese officer from the Revenue Depart-
ment was tarrying near the pier at Observation
Place on Saturday, a sampan carrying eight
passengers ran alongside the pier. The first
man to land carried a carpet bag and behaved
in so suspicious a manner that the revenue
officer approached him. The stranger, when
accosted, jumped into a ricksha and told the coolie
to drive him on. But the officer interfered,
and took the fare in charge. His bag was forced
open, and it was found to contain three Mauser
pistols and a quantity of ammunition. During
this interval the other men who landed from
the sampan made good their escape. It was
subsequently learned that the men on the sampan
came from the ss. *Monteagle*. The defendant
was charged at the Magistrate's on Saturday
with being in possession of arms without a
permit, and was ordered to pay a fine of \$150.

LOCAL SPORT.

INTERPORT SWIMMING.

Mr. Frank Lammert, hon. secretary of the
V.R.C., received a wire last week from the
Shanghai Rowing Club suggesting that the
interport swimming contest should be postponed
till the 26th, 23th and 28th October, and that
rowing should be included. This request will
receive early consideration.

V. R. C. NIGHT FETE.

The V. R. C. advertise another night fete
for Wednesday, September 13th. These evening
swimming carnivals have proved very
popular, and the Club may expect a good at-
tendance on Wednesday. A band will play selec-
tions of music during the evening.

BOXING.

Another tournament is being arranged for the
23rd of this month, and the programme is one
which should give general satisfaction. Kid
Marriott is matched with Iron Box to fight the
best of fifteen rounds; Sapper Miles of the
Royal Engineers, the clever lightweight
who put up such an excellent fight at the
Circus, will fight the best of fifteen rounds with
General Champion of the K. O. Y. L. I., and
Private Potter will meet Seaman Cooker of the
Aet in an eight round contest. Other interest-
ing bouts have been arranged, and the tourna-
ment will be held at the Skating Rink.

KULANGSU (AMOI) MUNICIPAL
COUNCIL.

The following minutes of a meeting of the
Council, held at the Board Room, on the 22nd
August, 1911, are forwarded for publication:—
Present:—Messrs. W. H. Wallace (Chair-
man), J. S. Fenwick, W. R. M. D. Parr, Rev.
G. M. Wales, and the Secretary.

Correspondence was read between H.I.G.M.
Council and the Council concerning the custody
of a German subject in the Municipal Goal,
which the Council regret they are only able to
undertake as a temporary measure.

Correspondence was read with the Amoy
Tinning Co. concerning their application to
reclaim certain ground and construct a band at
Lai-choo-oh.

Messrs. Fenwick, Wales and Wilson, having
been appointed members of the Assessment
Committee, reported having assessed thirteen
properties.

Correspondence with (1) Mr. E. Bauer and
Mr. Lim Chin Hoon concerning the dumping
of garbage on the public roads, and (2) with Mr.
Lim Nee Kar concerning a watchman's hut
placed on the public road opposite his house,
also (3) with Mr. Lim Hock Sin concerning the
obstruction to the road at Ho-kee, was read.

The Captain-Superintendent reported that
the following cases have been dealt with at
the Mixed Court since the last meeting:—
Summons: Assault, 1; breach of marriage
agreement, 1; throwing rubbish, &c., into the
public drains, 9; non-payment of municipal taxes,
5; breach of municipal bye-laws, 1; Contempt
of Court, 2; Debt, 2. Summary: Arrests:
Housebreaking, 2; Theft, 3; Kidnapping, 5;

TELEGRAMS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

FRANCE AND GERMANY.

UNREST CONTINUES.

LONDON, September 9th.

A feature of the Franco-German difficulty
is the large withdrawals of French capital
from Germany. These are already estimated
at £2,000,000.

Belgian and Swiss houses are doing
likewise.

The French Premier and the Ministers
for War, Foreign Affairs and Finance have
conferred on the Moroccan question.

It is announced that the observations of
Herr Kiderlen-Waechter and M. Cambon
are to be presented forthwith in definite
terms.

M. de Selves, the French Foreign
Minister, declined to furnish any indication
of their extent, their importance or the
attitude of France thereon. Nevertheless,
the impression prevails that there are con-
siderable differences in the French and Ger-
man points of view.

It is officially stated in Berlin that there
is agreement between France and Germany
in principle, but nevertheless the differences
in detail require considerable discussion.

War rumours continue to excite the poorer
classes in Germany and have resulted in
a run on different savings banks, notably at
Koenigsburg, where one has failed.

LONDON, September 10th.

Berlin telegrams announce that the Ger-
man counter proposals regarding Morocco
have been drawn up and will reach Paris
on Sunday or Monday.

German business interests are becoming
increasingly restive. The Bourse is much
affected by the prolonged suspense, which
the *Berliner Tageblatt* and *Boersen Courier*
declare is intolerable, and appeal to both
Governments to confide more freely in the
public.

THE STRIKE IN IRELAND.

LONDON, September 9th.

The police reinforcements from Dublin
met with a warm reception at Wexford,
where they had been sent to quell the strike
disturbances. They were pelted with stones
and bottles, and in charging the mob many
were injured. Six strikers have been sent
to the hospital.

FIGHTING IN MOROCCO.

LONDON, September 9th.

It is officially reported in Madrid that
the Moors attacked at dawn the advanced
Spanish positions at Melilla and in the
hinterland. They were repulsed with great
loss. The Spanish losses amounted to one
officer and seven men killed and one officer
and 25 men wounded.

Reinforcements are being despatched from
Spain.

THE DEAR FOOD PROBLEM.

LONDON, September 9th.

In consequence of the increased price of
foodstuffs and fodder the Berlin Chamber
of Commerce has petitioned the Government
to check the export of grain and reduce the
duties thereon. Representation is also being
made to the Government to allow the im-
portation of Argentine and American
meat.

The Minister of Agriculture has ordered
local authorities in several provinces of
Prussia to sell fodder to needy farmers at
reduced prices.

LATER.

A feature of the French food riots is the
Government's firmness in the summary
punishment of large batches of rioters
compared with the weakness displayed in
the more serious champagne riots in April,
when only six people were punished
altogether.

LATER.

The dear food riots in France show no
signs of abatement. Window smashing is
general and barricades have been thrown up
at Roubaix, where the cavalry have made
several charges.

The municipalities are buying food stuffs
and selling at a loss.

TELEGRAMS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THEATRE COLLAPSE AT NICE.

LONDON, September 9th.

A theatre which was being reconstructed
at Nice collapsed and forty workmen were
entombed in the debris.

Several bodies have been recovered, while
some of the injured who have been extricat-
ed are in a serious condition.

LATER.

So far 16 bodies have been recovered.

LATER.

Eleven have been killed and six seriously
injured.

NEW ZEALAND PROGRESSING.

LONDON, September 9th.

Reuter's Wellington correspondent wires
that Sir Joseph Ward in his Budget speech
stated that there was a record increase in
revenue amounting to £1,295,000. The
Government proposed to effect a remission
on railway fares and estate duties and to
increase the graduated land tax on large
estates.

THE WHEAT CROP.

LONDON, September 9th.

It is officially stated that, despite the
abnormal weather conditions, the Canadian
West has produced a record crop of wheat.
The harvest is estimated at 178 million
bushels.

THE COTTON TRADE.

LONDON, September 9th.

The Federation of Master Cotton Spin-
ners at Manchester has resolved on urging
the Government at the earliest possible
moment to amend the picketing clauses in
the Trades Disputes Act.

THE FRENCH BUDGET.

LONDON, September 9th.

A Paris message says the French Budget
shows a deficit of £7,120,000, which is to be
covered by fiscal readjustments. There is
to be no new taxation.

AN EFFECT OF THE JAPANESE
TARIFF.

LONDON, September 9th.

In order to meet the new Japanese tariff
the Premier Cycle Company of Coventry is
opening a factory in Japan.

WHITES OUST BLACKS.

LONDON, September 9th.

One effect of the rise in seamen's wages
as a result of the strikes is that at Cardiff
500 negro seamen are destitute, having been
ousted by whites, who are attracted by the
better conditions.

OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS.

LONDON, September 9th.

Lieut.-Colonel Gallwey, who has been
Governor of St. Helena since 1902, has
been appointed Governor of Gambia.

Mr. Henry Wallis, of Nyassaland, has
been appointed Chief Secretary of Uganda.

AEROPLANE POSTAL SERVICE.

LONDON, September 9th.

An agreement entered into by the Post
Office for an experimental postal service
from London to Windsor was inaugurated
on Saturday for a limited period with a view
to demonstrating the usefulness of aero-
planes in times of emergency. One hundred
thousand letters have already been received
for conveyance, including messages from
Their Majesties.

The inauguration was marked by a strong
wind. Of the four pilots only one went
from Hendon to Windsor and back.

THE CHANNEL SWIM.

LONDON, September 9th.

It is announced that Burgess is willing to
stake £10 against £10,000 that he will
swim from England to France and back in
fifty hours.

CHOLERA IN SPAIN.

LONDON, September 10th.

Cholera gastro-enteritis is raging in
northern Spain, particularly in Barcelona.
Many are fleeing to France.

ANOTHER AVIATION ACHIEVE-
MENT.

LONDON, September 10th.

The aviator Hellen flew 778 miles in 14
hours 7 mins.

TELEGRAMS.

["DAILY PRESS" EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.]

THE TROUBLE IN SZECHUAN.

PEKING, September 10th.

The Legations have not received any ad-
vices from Chengtu for three days, and it is
believed that the foreigners have left for
Kaiting and Chungking.

There are reports that the telegraphs are
interrupted.

The *Peking Jihpo* states that the Viceroy's
yamen was attacked on Thursday, but this
is not confirmed.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

CANADA AND RECIPROCITY.

LONDON, September 9th.

Ottawa telegrams state that Sir Wilfrid
Laurier in a speech said he was confident
that reciprocity would be in operation three
months after the 21st September. Alluding
to the objection that the United States
would politically absorb Canada, he declared
that if it were true that President Taft said
that Canada was at the parting of the ways,
he did not know what he was saying.
"We are prepared," he said, "to talk
business with President Taft; not politics."

SELLING STATE SECRETS.

LONDON, September 9th.

A message from St. Petersburg states that
Captain Postnikoff of the General Staff has
been sentenced by a court-martial to eight
years' penal servitude for selling secret
documents to three foreign Powers.

THE MISSING PICTURE.

LONDON, September 9th.

The search for the missing picture "La
Joconde" continues. The latest theory is
that it has been stolen by an international
gang which has removed other minor objects
from the Louvre.

SENSATIONAL AMERICAN TRIAL.

LONDON, September 9th.

The sensational trial at Chesterfield,
Virginia, has concluded, sentence of death
being passed on the banker Beattie for the
murder of his wife in a motor car on a
lonely night drive. It was alleged that she
was killed by an unknown highwayman, but
the evidence disclosed Beattie's relations
with a second woman.

SERIOUS SITUATION AT BARROW.

LONDON, September 9th.

Bluejackets equipped with ball cartridges
are guarding the dockgates at Barrow. This
is considered necessary, because if the water
were let out the warships would ground and
be damaged. Special police are also on duty
in the shipbuilding yards. One telegram
says that this is due to the presence of
foreign spies.

PUGILISM.

LONDON, September 10th.

A Sydney message states that Lester beat
Lang on points in twenty rounds in the con-
test for the heavy-weight championship of
Australia. There were 14,000 spectators.

THEIR MAJESTIES AT BALMORAL.

LONDON, September 10th.

Their Majesties gave a ball to their tenan-
try at Balmoral, at which the house party
including Lord Kitchener and Lieut.-
General Wingate, were present. After dinner
the Queen participated in a reel.

INTERNATIONAL TENNIS.

LONDON, September 9th.

A New York telegram states that in the
preliminary games for the Davis Cup,
Larned (America) beat Dixon (England)
6/3, 2/6, 6/3, 3/6, 7/5.

Mauger (America) beat Lowe (Eng-
land) 7/5, 4/6, 4/6, 6/3.

PEACE ESTABLISHED IN ARABIA.

LONDON, September 10th.

Telegrams from the Hodeidah report that
nearly all the sheikhs of the Yegh High-
lands have entered Sanaa, and submitted.
Negotiations for a permanent peace are
proceeding with Inam Syed Yahya, who
has already released 500 Turkish prisoners.

RANDOM REFLECTIONS.

Summer has lost its sting, and the advent of September has brought an appreciable difference in the atmosphere, with the result that most people feel a renewed zest in life. The cooler days and the decidedly cooler evenings are a welcome change, and the man or woman is hard to please who is not satisfied with the Hong-kong climate these days.

Bathing parties are beginning to realize that they are nearing the end of the season, and the tinge of the water and the darkness of the return to Blake Pier indicate that they have not many more outings this year. The full moon has suggested a few after-dinner parties, and they have been mostly quite successful.

The winter is now receiving some little thought, and arrangements are being made for the commencement of cricket and football. Some time ago I heard a rumour that there was a likelihood of some of the principal clubs withdrawing from the League, but I doubt if any would take an action which would so seriously affect good cricket in the Colony. I think they may be trusted to "play the game." Football, too, ought to have a promising season.

The local event of the week undoubtedly has been the decision with regard to the disposal of the Coronation Fund surplus. The scheme of the committee to hold the money for future entertaining was completely submerged by the counter proposal and the eloquence of Mr. Bowley, who induced the meeting of subscribers to agree to the balance being divided among three local institutions. Doubtless, as has already been said, this arrangement was perhaps the least satisfactory that has hitherto been suggested, but that is about all that can be said for it.

Without being considered capricious or disloyal, might I suggest that the proposal to annex certain portions of the Seamen's Institute and Soldiers' and Sailors' Home after the King and the Prince of Wales is rather an doubtful compliment. What is there in any of the rooms of these institutions to suggest royalty? None that I can see. I don't mean to belittle the good work of these institutions, but it seems to me absurd to give royal names even to the best of their rooms.

Talking of the Coronation celebration fund reminds me of the gift by the Georges of the Empire to the King. I know that a number of men who rejoice in that name were sounded with a view to financial possibilities, and it would be interesting to know if there is any surplus from that fund.

Most folks in the Colony will rejoice that the Amateur Dramatic Club has decided that its usefulness has not passed. It may have lacked a good deal of the support that it might reasonably have expected both from those with histrionic ability and from the public, but all the same Hongkong is proud of the A.D.C. and would be genuinely sorry to see it pass into the dead limbo of the past.

The notice issued by His Excellency the General Officer Commanding regarding bathing at Stonecutters will be welcomed as a definite pronouncement on the subject of bathing privileges. These privileges have been enjoyed for quite a long time, but it is not at all unlikely that there are people who abuse them, while on the other hand there are a few who have a suspicion that they are liable to arrest if they set foot on the island. Now that there is an authoritative statement on the subject of bathing facilities there and their extent it should clear up a good deal of uncertainty on the subject. *Bona fide* bathers, I am sure, do not wish for more than the use of the beach.

The other day when I was at Kowloon I noticed that the typhoon signals were being rolled from the Water Police Station to some other destination, and I marvelled if we had decided to abolish typhoons from the Colony and had no further use for the signals. Inquiry, however, led to the information being retouched that the signals were being removed to Blackhead Point, this change being carried out in deference to the shipping people who complained that the signals at the Water Police Station were not so well placed as they might be for informing them. Doubtless this change will meet the wishes of some of the Kowloon residents who complained that they could not see the signals at Tsim Tsa Tsui.

The other day there was consternation in Kowloon when the people who rush from the ferry found that there were no ferries, and those who have not waited for many a day had to foot it then. At first it was thought that the puffers had gone on strike, but the explanation was that the men were celebrating a Chinese festival. In the classic language of the "boy" the day "belonged Chinese Good Friday."

I noticed that at Preston in Lancashire a dealer was summoned before the Magistrate for having contravened the Merchandise Marks Act by selling Continental eggs as Irish eggs. One set of experts declared that the eggs were foreign, and another set declared that it was impossible to tell the nationality of eggs by external examination. The Bench inclined to the latter view and dismissed the summons. It is a pity in a way, as this decision will add another to the many problems of the tariff reformer.

RODERICK RANDOM.

The Registrar of Companies notices that at the expiration of three months from the 4th instant, Wong Pui Hoi's Estate, Ltd., will, unless cause is shown to the contrary, be struck off the Register, and the Company will be dissolved.

CANTON.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

September 9th.

STATE OF THE CITY.

During the past week things have been very quiet in this city. Many of the disquieting rumours of a few days ago have died away, and there seems to be more confidence in the Government. Even the situation at Macao does not now claim much attention, and the only thing the people seem to be interested in is the various "joss" performances, for the propitiation of the spirits that are supposed to be wandering about at this period. There have been some very fine processions during the past few days, and one in Honam was really gorgeous; people were waiting in the street quite a long time to see it pass.

A NEW ICE FACTORY.

All the ice used here comes up from Hong-kong, and a number of merchants thought that it would be a good thing if a plant were laid down here. Money was accordingly subscribed and machinery purchased, and an engineer placed in charge. Strange to say, this gentleman could not get the machine to work, and he has since tendered his resignation, and the company is looking about for a capable man to take charge.

NEW AGRICULTURAL SCHEME.

A gentleman named Lau has come forward with a scheme to exploit a large area of land at Ping Wu, near a station on the Kwong-kow Railway. He intends to plant up some of this land with useful trees, while the remainder is to be devoted to the raising of garden produce. The Taotai of Industries has approved the scheme, which will be registered by the proper authorities. This is interesting as showing that the Chinese are already taking advantage of the presence of the railway to open up land hitherto of little value.

A COMPLICATED CASE.

A man named Tam owed to the Hung Yuen Bank a sum of \$50,000, which in spite of several demands he refused to pay. The bank then made out a case against him, and he was called before the Court, but refused to appear. He was then arrested in Honam, but when at the police station he acted in a violent manner and refused to give the police officer any information. Being brought before the Court he refused to plead, saying that he was a British subject, and he told the Judge emphatically that he would not recognise the Court. The officials present could do nothing, so the aid of the Diplomatic Commissioner was requested, and that officer advised the man's release. The officer keeping him in custody refused to release him, and told the Commissioner that he had no business to aid the man and bring discredit on Chinese law. The Commissioner then said he would try the man himself in the near future.

SUICIDE OF AN OFFICER.

An officer of the Viceroy's body-guard, one Li Ching Wah, was accused of neglect of duty. He was taken to the Patrol Bureau for trial. As the man was of official rank, it was necessary to deprive him before he could be punished, so the Viceroy petitioned Peking for this to be done. The request was allowed, and then Li was sentenced to a term of banishment. Being overcome with shame at his downfall he committed suicide by taking opium, and an inquest was held on him at the Fong Pin Hospital.

THE TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

Some weeks ago I reported that the Loong Kwong Technical College was to be re-erected on a new site. Three months have now passed since the old college was closed down, but no new site has been chosen and the students are just having a prolonged holiday until such time as the powers that be bestir themselves to put up the new building. Some of the students have sent in a petition begging to be informed what is to be done. The Viceroy has told them to keep quiet and not to agitate themselves for the new institution will soon be put up. This is an example of how time and money are frittered away by the local Education Department, and it is no wonder that there is constantly an adverse balance.

CLOSING SHOPS.

Yesterday there was some amount of excitement in the street known as Chuan Mui-han caused by the appearance of a number of runners from the Nam Hoi Magistrate's Yamen. These men proceeded to seal up no less than 14 big shops. The reason is said to be that the proprietor of these stores had stood security for one of the old gambling farmers, and as the latter failed to make his payments to Government his surety has to suffer.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE TEA HOUSE COLLAPSE.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS"]

SIR,—Your leader in this morning's issue assumes that a permit was granted by the Building Authority for the use as a Chinese Restaurant of the building the staircase of which collapsed. You say the building was "recently converted into a tea house." If this is so, no permit from the Building Authority was necessary, but a licence from the Registrar-General and Captain Superintendent of Police.

The erection of the staircase was presumably in accordance with the plans of an authorised architect, who must have certified that the structure would bear the strain of the alterations.

Your leader is really an argument in favour of amending the Building Ordinance by prohibiting the occupation of premises in which alterations have been carried out until the Building Authority has inspected and passed the alterations. How would the authorised architects and their clients, the property owners, like that?—Yours, etc.

TAXPAYER.

OPIMUM CULTIVATION IN CHINA.

EXCLUSION OF INDIAN OPIMUM IN SEVERAL PROVINCES.

Below a free translation of the memorial by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs begs to memorialize on the prohibition of the import of Indian opium into the provinces as follows:

It is to be noted that on the first day of the fourth month, the opium agreement between China and Great Britain was concluded. It is provided therein that China shall, from the first day of January of 1911, diminish annually for seven years the production of opium in China in the same proportion as the annual export from India is diminished, but that the export of opium from India shall cease in less than seven years if clear proof is given of the complete absence of production of native opium in China. It is further provided that Indian opium will not be allowed to be imported into any province in China where the cultivation and import of native opium have been effectively suppressed, etc., etc.

On the signature of the opium agreement the Ministry of Foreign Affairs immediately notified the fact to the high authorities in the provinces requesting them to effect a careful investigation into the anti-opium movement in their respective provinces. In reply to the request, the Ministry may be able to enforce where possible the prohibitive regulations against the import of Indian opium in conformity with the Opium Agreement.

Among the replies received, those from Fong-tien, Kirin, Heilung-Kiang, Shansi, and Szechuan provinces are the most encouraging. These reports that poppy plantation within their boundaries have long been prohibited. Complaints have been sent to the poppy growing districts and found them all clear of poppy crops. The import of native opium from other provinces is also under strict prohibition. In Szechuan the prohibition extends to the export of native opium to other provinces. The Ministry has also received information from other sources which all agree with the official reports.

Finding these provinces the most successful in the anti-opium work and entitled in every respect to exclude Indian opium from their midst, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs duly notified the British Minister, Sir John Jordan, of the fact and requested his co-operation in forbidding the import of Indian opium to these provinces. It is gratifying to say that he has granted the request and assured his assistance. The Ministry is drawing up regulations for the new prohibitive order and will publish them in the *Official Gazette* for general knowledge when the order is enforced. It respectfully begs the Throne to remain the high authorities of these provinces that they should not rest satisfied with the present result and relax their energy in the anti-opium work, but that the prohibition of poppy-plantation and import of India opium into the provinces should be always maintained with renewed efforts in order to insure ultimate success. The Ministry is also investigating other provinces, and if any province is found to be fulfilling the requirements it shall be granted the same privilege.

This memorial has been sanctioned by Imperial edict.

THE EARTHQUAKE EXPLORERS.

REMINISCENCES BY PROFESSOR MILNE, F.R.S.

Appropos of the meeting of the International Seismological Association at Manchester, Professor John Milne contributes an article to the *Daily Mail*, in the course of which he writes:—

"Why on earth did you study earthquakes?" is a question which during the last thirty years has been put to me more than any other. The simplest answer is that for twenty years of my life earthquakes were forced upon my attention. The trip took eleven months. On one day in 1875, together with many others of various nationalities, I was invited to assist Japan in her endeavour to learn something about the material side of Western civilization. I had just come home after two years' tramping about in a fore-and-aft schooner on the coast of Newfoundland and Labrador, but young and vigorous I accepted the invitation, packed up and started off via Siberia, Central Asia, and some 1,200 miles of China to take up my new appointment. The trip took eleven months. On one day in 1875, together with many others of various nationalities, I was invited to assist Japan in her endeavour to learn something about the material side of Western civilization. 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TJITAROEM	JAVA	First half of Sept.	JAPAN	First half of Sept.
TJIKINI	JAPAN	Second half of Sept.	JAVA	Second half of Sept.
TJILATJAP	JAPAN	Second half of Sept.	JAVA	Second half of Sept.
TJIMANOEK	JAVA	Second half of Sept.	JAPAN	Second half of Sept.
TJIBODAS	JAVA	Second half of Sept.	SHANGHAI	Second half of Sept.
TJIMAH	JAVA	Second half of Sept.	JAVA	Second half of Sept.
TJILIWONG	JAVA	First half of Oct.	SHANGHAI	First half of Oct.

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SHIPPING IN PORT.

STEAMERS
BRAND, Norwegian str., 1,519, M. Evensen, 6th Sept.—Manila 3rd Sept., Ballast—Aagaard, Thorsen & Co.
CAPRI, Italian str., 2,680, P. Figari, 5th Sept.—Bombay and Singapore 30th August, General—Carlowitz & Co.
CHRONOS, British str., 1,259, V. Liddell, 21st Aug.—Tientsin and Ports 13th Aug, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
CHIVO MARU, Japanese str., 1,342, W. W. Greene, 5th Sept.—San Francisco 9th Aug, Mails and General—Toyo Kisen Kaisha.
COWIE, British str., 3,155, W. Jackson, 2nd Sept.—San Francisco and Yokohama 24th August, Bulk Oil—Asiatic Petroleum & Co.
CROONIA, Russian str., 2,949, J. Larsen, 5th Sept.—Singapore 31st Aug, General—Aagaard, Thorsen & Co.
DAIGI MARU, Japanese str., 846, H. Murayama, 6th Sept.—Tamsui, Amoy and Swatow 5th Sept, General—Osaka Shosen Kaisha.
DRUPAR, Norwegian str., 1,102, J. Binz, 17th Aug.—Bangkok 9th and Swatow 16th August, General—Kin Thy Loeng.
FEICHI, Chinese str., 938, Honol, 7th Sept.—Shanghai 2nd September, General—C. M. S. N. Co.
FRI, Norwegian str., 861, C. Wagle, 4th Sept.—Chefoo 28th August, Beans and General—Aagaard, Thorsen & Co.
GERMANIA, German str., 1,704, Frandsen, 28th Aug.—Hongkong 26th August, Coal—Jensen & Co.
GLENSIDE, British str., 2,275, I. Rafferty, 8th Sept.—London via ports 9th July, General—Shewan, Tomes & Co.
HAIYAN, British str., 1,133, J. S. Roach, 5th Sept.—Swatow 7th Sept, General—Douglas, Lapraik & Co.
HANOL, French str., 735, G. Bouthier, 8th Sept.—Haiphong and Peking 5th Sept, General—A. R. Marty.
HALVARD, Norwegian str., 1,066, C. Andersen, 7th Sept.—Bangkok and Heliopol 6th Sept, General—Aagaard, Thorsen & Co.
INABA MARU, Japanese str., 3,537, S. Tominaga, 4th Sept.—Shanghai 31st August, Coal, Flour and General—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
JOHANN, German str., 952, M. Tpland, 6th Sept.—Swatow 5th Sept, General—Jensen & Co.
KATPONG, British str., 937, J. O. Sidford, 8th Sept.—Iloilo, Cebu and Manila 5th Sept, Sugar, Hemp, Tobacco, &c.—Butterfield & Swire.
KOHCHANG, German str., 1,292, C. Roselofsky, 1st September—Bangkok 23rd August, Rice and Timber—Butterfield & Swire.
KWANGLEE, Chinese str., 1,648, Pratt, 5th Sept.—Shanghai 3rd Sept, General—C. M. S. N. Co.
KWONGSUNG, British str., 1,956, W. F. Richard, 7th Sept.—Shanghai 1st and Swatow 6th Sept, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
LAETTES, British str., 1,340, C. E. Page, 7th Sept.—Singapore 3rd Sept, Rice and General—Wo Fat Sing.
LARGO LAW, British str., 2,541, R. E. Kellett, 5th September—Guangyuan 2nd August, Nuts—Eng Hok Fong.

LINAN, British str., 1,352, C. C. Williams, 7th Sept.—Shanghai 4th September, General—Butterfield & Swire.
LOOSOK, German str., 1,189, W. Taubert, 3rd Sept.—Kobe and Howson 2nd Sept, Rice and Wood—Butterfield & Swire.
MACHOW, German str., 925, R. G. Zollner, 8th Sept.—Bangkok 30th August and Swatow 7th Sept, Rice and Teak—Butterfield & Swire.
MANSHU MARU, Japanese str., 5,245, M. Fujiyoshi, 5th Sept.—Manila 1st Sept.
MARIE, German str., 1,169, H. Schalkner, 2nd Sept.—Saigon 30th August, Rice—Jensen & Co.
MATHILDE, German str., 831, Chr. Uiderup, 7th Sept.—Cebu 3rd Sept.—Jensen & Co.
MEINAM, French str., 463, Vidal, 5th Sept.—Shanghai 29th Aug, General—Messageries Maritimes.
MOWBATE, British str., 5,163, W. Davison, R.M.S., 8th Sept.—Vancouver via Japan and Shanghai 5th Aug, General—Canadian Pacific Railway Co.
NANZHANG, British str., 1,052, R. Robertson, 8th Sept.—Newchwang 26th Aug, General—Butterfield & Swire.
NORD, British str., 1,143, E. Jones, 5th Sept.—Fochow 3rd Sept, Kerosene oil—Asiatic Petroleum & Co.
SINGAN, British str., 1,047, F. Jamieson, 8th Sept.—Haiphong and Heliopol 7th Sept, Rice and General—Butterfield & Swire.
SOSU MARU, Japanese str., 1,119, K. Sugawara, 8th Sept.—Swatow 7th Sept, General—Osaka Shosen Kaisha.
SUICHANG, British str., 1,776, M. Picknell, 3rd Sept.—Wakamatsu 25th and Moji 26th Aug, Coal—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
SZECHEUN, British str., 1,142, Jones, 5th Sept.—Hongkong 3rd Sept, Coal—Butterfield & Swire.
TJITAROEM, Dutch str., 3,666, P. Zwart, 8th Sept.—Macassar 1st Sept.—Java-China-Japan Lijn.
YATSHING, British str., 1,421, E. J. Payne, 6th Sept.—Jara 29th August, Sugar—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
YOHOW, British str., 1,215, W. McIntosh, 7th Sept.—Wakamatsu 29th August, Coal—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

SAILING VESSELS
EOLIPSE, British 4-masted barque, 2,996, Jam. White, 12th May—New York 20th June Kerosene Oil—Standard Oil Co.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s str. *Assaye* left Singapore for this port on the 8th inst. at 6 p.m. with the outward English Mail, and is due here on the 13th inst. at about 2 p.m.
The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s str. *Samatra* is expected to arrive at Penang on the 12th inst. at noon.
The H.-A. Linie str. *Alisia* left Shanghai on the 9th inst. a.m., and may be expected here tomorrow p.m.
The Indo-China str. *Kutsang* left Calcutta for the Straits and Hongkong on the 7th inst., and is due here about the 23rd inst.

ICE

Says a writer in a London paper:—
July without ice would be like Christmas without plum-pudding—unheard of, inconceivable; and yet to how many does it occur that ice in summer is, for the most part, an entirely artificial product, and merely a very convenient method of making things colder—and incidentally more palatable than they would be otherwise? There is all the difference in the world between ice and loes. The one is almost a necessity in hot weather; the latter (at any rate, to most) the merest luxury. It is all a matter of taste. The squally pink, yellow, or green platful of nothingness, with a flavour of strawberry, vanilla, pistachio, or the like, which we politely dole out to ladies at garden party, rout, "kettledrum" (alas! now obsolete), ball-supper, or elsewhere, is, after all, only the merest subterfuge; a titillation of the palate; or may be, after dinner, disturber of the good ones that have gone before. Anyhow, it is custom more honoured in the observance than the truth, and therefore to be reckoned with in these days of tradition and imitation.

The authorities seem to agree that "Confessionary Ice" was first introduced by Catherine de Medici, and it is fairly—if not absolutely—certain that the first sweet loes in Paris were placed before the subjects of Louis Quatorze by a college-keeper in the Rue de l'Ancre. They were, of course, the merest water-ices, or probably more of the nature of what we nowadays call sorbets or granities, but they served their purpose, and inaugurated a custom which maintains to this day.

These loes were known as "fromages glacés," although there is no record of their containing cheese in any shape or form. They were made with fruit syrups, groseille, framboise, ananas, and the like. The cheese name was probably given because of their shape, or the form in which they were served.

"Ice creams" seem to crop up in cookery-book and contemporary records about the year 1702, and half a century later they are commonly quoted as "ice coloms" (which term still obtains in the United States of America). "Ice," as we understand them now, is an Early Victorian word.

A gentle custom, now entirely obsolete, may still be remembered by those who are no more than middle-aged. Gunter's in Berkeley-square was then the place where the best shop for ice in town, and their brown bread ice a treat for the gods. On any fine afternoon in the season the rails of the square were surrounded by carriages, mostly of the old-fashioned barouche and landau-type, and footmen went across to Gunter's to fetch ice for the occupants of the carriages, who ate them *coram populo*, under the shade of the trees. It was a pretty habit, and it seems a pity that it has fallen into desuetude.

Of ice proper, as apart from its confectiionary cousin, it seems only yesterday, although it is really a deal longer, that every fishmonger's shop in summer displayed the legend "Wentham Lake Ice Sold Here." Nowadays, it is all, or nearly all, made by machinery. As a matter of topographical fact, Wentham Lake is five miles from Salem, in Essex County, Massachusetts, United States of America. It is one mile square, two hundred feet deep, and its ice is, and has always been, celebrated for its exceptional purity. Much of the "ice" for the poor distributed in hot weather in New York and elsewhere has fallen away. A certain amount of ice still comes from us from Norway, and there are regular services to the Thames and Humber, but the ice-making machine has largely, if not entirely, ousted the real article.

We are still, of course, years behind the Americans in our use of ice. We do not appreciate it as we should—except medicinally, of course—and it is extraordinary how we always look upon it as a luxury instead of the barest necessity. The Americans over ice their cold drinks, especially their champagne, so as to deprive it of all its bouquet and savour; unkind people will say, perhaps, that in the case of most American champagne this is a distinct advantage.

Ice, after all, is meant to chill, not to freeze. From a gastronomic point of view—and in that respect is a great cooler, invigorator, and aid to health in hot weather.

PASSENGERS.
ARRIVED.

Per *Mexico Maru*, from Shanghai, Mr Geo. Tober.
Per *Chi-hua*, from Shanghai, Mr and Mrs Worth, and Miss Brown.
Per *Hainan*, from Coast Ports, Miss Lowrey, Miss Mulligan, Master and Miss Thorn, Mr and Mrs Larrigan, Mr and Mrs C. J. Lowe, and C. J. Birmingham.

DEPARTED.

Per *Groenland*, for Shanghai, Messrs A. W. Schneider, Matsumura, E. A. Hamann and M. Friend, Mrs C. A. Biddle, Mr F. S. Johnson, Mrs White and Mr Young; for Nagasaki, Mrs Suro and Miss Asano; for Kobe, Messrs Kobayashi, Washiguruki and Yasumoto; for Yokohama, Mr C. A. Haldemann, Mrs F. Carlton, and Mr C. R. Free.
Per *Prinz Ludwig*, for Singapore, Mr R. Sutherland, Mr and Mrs P. L. S., Mr D. F. Webster, Mr H. B. S. Dowbiggin, Mr Chas. E. E. Benedict, Mr E. Geier, Mr G. Gregory, Mr G. Watson, Mr Y. Sharp, Mr K. F. Zellermaier, Mr L. Bohn and Mr A. A. Bremer; for Penang, Mr T. A. P. and Mrs M. Bartlett; for Gibraltar, Mr F. Mendolia, Mr for Genoa, Mr and Mrs Berthelmann, Mr Peter; for Hongkong, Mr F. H. Johnston, Mr F. Glanewald, Mr F. B. Daugherty, Mr W. Kauffmann, Mr A. Rommel, Mr W. Urzage and Mr J. Cugner.

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Per *Coblenz*, for Manila, Mr Tom F. Barretto, Mrs and Miss Ardrey, Dr. and Mrs E. P. Stone, Miss E. C. Smith, Mr R. Kummerfeldt, Mr C. Buholzer, Mr and Mrs Kath, Mrs Johnson, Mr and Mrs F. A. van der Loo, Mr P. H. Flatsky and party, and Mr C. Krebs, Mr C. Kardysiewicz, Mr C. van Donge, Mr V. Bues, for Friedrich Wilhelmshafen, Mr H. Nowak, Sister F. Mundelheim and party, Mr F. Nienhans, Mr P. W. Bochen and party, Sisters A. Gail and D. Stoppel; for Batavia, Mr W. Beiderhoff, Mr O. Pulver, Mr H. Paetsch, Mr E. Gronan, Mr Karl Reither, Mr A. Kuhn, Sister H. Sudhatis and Mr Grafarend; for Sydney, G. F. Boyce, Mr G. W. Geering.

WEATHER REPORT.

On the 10th at 11.55 a.m.—The shallow depression has reached the N.E. part of the Sea of Japan.
Except over that area, the barometer has risen slightly at all stations.
Pressure is, for the most part, in slight to moderate excess of the normal. It is high over the Pacific in the neighbourhood of the Bonins, and over S. China, and relatively low over the S. Philippines and adjacent waters.
Light to moderate E. and N.E. winds may be expected over the N. part of the China Sea.
Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m., to-day, 0.00 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:—

District	Forecast.
Hongkong & Neighbourhood	E. winds, light; fine.
Formosa Channel	Same as No. 1.
South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamecks	Same as No. 1.
South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan	Same as No. 1.

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

September 10th—AT A.M.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind.	Force.	Weather.
Vladivostok	7 a.	29.84	62	69	NNW	1	b
Nomuro	6 a.	29.97	—	—	—	—	1
Hakodate	—	29.89	—	—	N	1	—
Tokio	—	30.91	—	—	—	—	—
Kobe	—	29.89	—	—	—	—	—
Nagasaki	—	29.95	—	—	W	1	—
Kagoshima	—	29.97	—	—	—	—	—
Oshima	—	29.97	—	—	—	—	—
Naha	—	29.97	—	—	—	—	—
Ishijima	—	29.95	—	—	ESE	1	—
Bonin Is.	—	30.02	—	—	—	—	—
Choshi	—	29.97	—	—	—	—	—
Wei-hai-wei	9 a.	29.97	80	66	H	1	b
Hankow	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kiukiang	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shanghai	9 a.	30.00	77	77	NNE	1	o
Gutzlaff	—	29.97	81	E	3	ov	—
Sharp Peak	—	29.97	78	—	—	—	—
Amoy	—	29.90	76	91	SE	1	b
Swatow	—	29.93	—	—	—	—	—
Taihou	5 a.	29.93	—	—	—	—	—
Tainan	—	29.93	—	—	—	—	—
Koshan	—	29.95	—	—	N	2	—
Sesoadores	9 a.	29.96	83	79	S	2	b
Canlon	—	29.97	83	80	E	1	—
Hongkong	10 a.	29.97	83	80	SE	2	b
Vict. Peak	—	29.95	—	—	—	—	—
Gap Rock	—	29.95	—	—	—	—	—
Maao	—	30.00	84	—	SE	1	o
Wuchow	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hoihow	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Peking	8 a.	29.93	88	—	SE	2	c
Phu Lien	—	29.90	—	—	—	—	—
Tourane	—	29.90	—	—	SW	3	c</

SHIPPING

ARRIVALS.

CHINA, British str., 1,349, Benson, 10th Sept.—Shanghai 7th September, Mails and General—Butterfield & Swire.
CHUYEN, Chinese str., 1,823, Wm. Jamieson, 10th Sept.—Shanghai 7th Sept. General—C. M. N. Co.
CHOSSEN, Japanese str., 1,800, K. Sakami, 10th Sept.—Fouchow via Amoy and Swatow 9th Sept. General—Osaka Shosen Kaisha.
GLENFALLOCH, British str., 1,434, J. Mason, 8th Sept.—Singapore 2nd Sept. General—Jin Lee Seng.
HAIYANG, British str., 1,362, J. W. Evans, 10th Sept.—Swatow 9th Sept. General—Douglas, Lapraik & Co.
KAWASAKI, Chinese str., 1,0th Sept.—Canton.
KONGSANG, British str., 1,0th Sept.—Canton.
MICHAEL, Japanese str., 954, T. Peter, 9th Sept.—Pakhoi and Hailow 8th Sept. General—Jensen & Co.
MAYAG, Japanese str., 3,760, N. Koyashiki, 9th Sept.—Shanghai 6th Sept. General—Osaka Shosen Kaisha.
ORRANG, British str., 1,737, P. G. Smith, 9th Sept.—Chingwang 2nd Sept. Coal—China Engineering & Mining Co.
PALMA, British str., 4,713, H. W. A. Clark, 9th Sept.—London 21st July, General—P. O. S. N. Co.
SIGNAL, German str., 907, F. Soersen, 10th Sept.—Hailow 9th Sept. General—Jensen & Co.
SI-KIANG, French str., 650, E. de Catinat, 10th Sept.—Hailow 9th Sept. General—Messageries Maritimes.

DEPARTURES.

CHINA, British str., for Hongkong.
CHOSSEN, Japanese str., for Australia.
DEN OF OCEAN, British str., for Sabang.
GERMANIA, German str., for Australia.
LOREAN, German str., for Swatow.
LORIAN, German str., for Manila.
NANCHANG, British str., for Canton.
RUMI, American str., for Manila.
SOSHI MARU, Japanese str., for Canton.
TENTAI, German str., for Delhi.
ALDENHAM, British str., for Yokohama.
KALANG, British str., for Singapore.
PALMA, British str., for Shanghai.
PHUMPHU, British str., for Saigon.
SAINT PATRICK, British str., for Shanghai.
TIFANUS, Dutch str., for Swatow.
TROMBON, Japanese str., for Miki.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British str. *Chinkai* reports: Smooth throughout.
The Chinese str. *Chuyen* reports: Smooth sea and fine clear weather.
The British str. *Glenfalloch* reports: Light winds and fine clear weather.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.
The P. M. Co's str. *Manila*, from San Francisco, sailed from Yokohama on September 9th for Hongkong, via Kobe, Nagasaki and Manila, and is due to arrive at Hongkong on September 22nd.
The T. K. K. str. *Tampa*, from San Francisco on the 5th inst., en route to Hongkong, via Honolulu, Yokohama, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, and is due to arrive at Hongkong on the 3rd prox.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The L. G. M. str. *Prinz Sigismund* left Sydney on the 25th ultimo, at 11 a.m., and may be expected here on or about the 19th inst.
The B. & A. str. *Empress* left Sydney on the 2nd inst. for this port via Queensland Ports (Timor and Manila).
The N. Y. K. str. *Gunama Maru* (Australian Line) left Sydney for this port via the 6th inst., and is expected here on the 25th inst.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The C. P. R. Co's str. *Empress of Japan* arrived at Nagasaki 7 a.m. on the 9th inst., and left again at 3 p.m. same day for Shanghai, where she is due to arrive at 3 a.m. on the 11th inst.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

The Apenn. str. *Gregory* from Calcutta left Singapore on the 6th inst. afternoon, and may be expected here to-day.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The Apenn. str. *Japan* from Shanghai and Kobe left Moji on the 7th inst. morning, and may be expected here to-day.
The N. Y. K. str. *Tampa Maru* (European Line) left Shanghai for this port on the 8th inst., and is expected here to-day.
The N. Y. K. str. *Bingo Maru* (Bombay Line) left Singapore for this port on the 6th inst., and is expected here to-morrow.

The N. Y. K. str. *Mishima Maru* (European Line) left Singapore for this port on the 7th inst., and is expected here on the 13th inst.
The Hon. Line str. *Benbow* left Singapore on the 7th inst. for this port.

The American & Manchurian Line steamer *Malatya* passed the Suez Canal on the 22nd ultimo, and is due here on or about the 18th inst.
The str. *Glenfalloch* passed the Suez Canal on the 22nd ultimo, and is due here on or about the 24th inst.

The T. K. K. str. *America Maru* sailed from Honolulu on the 5th inst., en route to Hongkong, via Yokohama, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, and is due to arrive at this port on or about the 26th inst.
The O. S. K. str. *Chicago Maru* left Tacoma for this port via Japan and Manila on the 19th ult., and is due here on or about the 27th inst.

The T. K. K. str. *Hongkong Maru* will leave Valparaiso on the 7th inst. for Hongkong.
The T. K. K. str. *Bingo Maru* sailed from Honolulu on the 26th ult., en route to Hongkong, via Yokohama, Kobe and Moji, and is due to arrive here on or about the 29th inst.

STEAMERS PASSED THE CANAL.

August 1st—*Antiochus*, Benvenue, Buclon, Geylon.
4th—*Agamemnon*, Aki Maru, Austria, Calcedonia, Dunblane, St. Patrick.
8th—*Suezia*, 11th—*Slavonia*, *Theodos*, *Tranquebar*. Delayed through mutilation, *Vandala*, 15th—*Benalder*, *Nubia*, *Palma*, 18th—*Mishima Maru*, Sydney, *Telemachus*, 22nd—*Belgravia*, *Dunblshire*, *Malatya*, *Mencius*, *Sunatra*, *Glenfalloch*, *Senghain*, *Leont*, 25th—*Seneca*, *Siam*, *Arctus*, 28th—*Antioch*, *Candia*, *Stiva*, *Sigala*, *Yangtze*, Sept. 1st—*Dardanus*, *Derflinger*, *Glancus*, *Kaya Maru*, *Kilano Maru*, *Luetzow*, *Poon*, *Sachsen*, *Tenzer*, *Tonkin*, 5th—*Bayern*, *Benlaria*, *Benlomen*, *China*, *Flindshire*, *Montrose*, *Spezia*, *Suryuga*.

ARRIVALS AT HOME.

Sept. 5th—*Tonangai*, *Stentor*.

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

To ascertain the anchorage of any Vessels, the Harbour has been divided into Four Sections commencing from Green Island. Vessels anchoring nearest Kowloon are marked "k," nearest Hongkong "h," midway between Hongkong and Kowloon "m," and those vessels berthed at the Kowloon Wharf "w," together with the number denoting the section.

SECTIONS.

1. From Green Island to the Harbour Master's. 2. From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier. 3. From Blake Pier to Naval Yard. 4. From Naval Yard to East Point.

DESTINATION.	VESSEL'S NAME.	FLAG & REG.	BERTH.	CAPTAIN.	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO.	TO BE DESPATCHED.
LONDON, &c. via USUAL PORTS OF CALL.	DELTA	Brit. str.	—	E. P. Martin, R.N.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 15th inst. at Noon.
LONDON & ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, &c.	SARDINIA	Brit. str.	—	G. C. Talbot, R.N.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 20th inst.
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG via STRAITS, &c.	FIRST BELOW	Ger. str.	k. w.	Jager	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 7th Oct.
HAVRE & HAMBURG via STRAITS, &c.	ALBION	Ger. str.	k. w.	Habel	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 14th inst.
HAVRE, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG, &c.	PREUSSEN	Ger. str.	k. w.	Bahlo	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 15th inst.
HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	RHEINFELDEN	Ger. str.	k. w.	Weyhausen	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 29th Sept.
HAVRE & HAMBURG via STRAITS, &c.	SURVIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Rassat	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 13th Oct.
HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	SENEGAMBIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Eckhorn	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 25th Oct.
COPENHAGEN & HALLTIO PORTS.	YEDDO	Swed. str.	—	—	OLDF WIK & CO., LTD.	About 16th inst.
MARSHALL IS., LONDON & ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, &c.	TANGO MARU	Jap. str.	—	K. Kuwara	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 14th inst. at D'light.
TRIESTE, &c. via SINGAPORE, &c.	KANG MARU	Jap. str.	—	Soumer	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 27th inst. at D'light.
BOSTON & NEW YORK.	VORWAERTS	Aus. str.	—	R. Dannecker	SANDER, WIELER & CO.	On 27th inst.
NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIERS, GIBRALTAR & SOUTHAMPTON.	BENGO	Ger. str.	—	H. Furnes	MELOCHERS & CO.	On 15th inst.
VICTORIA, B.C. & TACOMA via KEELUNG, &c.	CHICAGO	Jap. str.	—	S. Tominga	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 3rd Oct. at 11 a.m.
VICTORIA, B.C. & TACOMA via KEELUNG, &c.	INARA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-morrow, at 4 p.m.
VICTORIA, B.C. & TACOMA via KEELUNG, &c.	MEXICO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 16th inst. at 11 a.m.
VANCOUVER via SHANGHAI, JAPAN, &c.	EMPEROR OF JAPAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	G. B. McGill	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 25th inst. at 5 p.m.
VANCOUVER, B.C. SEATTLE & PORTLAND, &c.	KUMERIC	Brit. str.	2 m.	W. Davison	THE BANK LINE, LIMITED	On 3rd Oct.
VANCOUVER via SHANGHAI, JAPAN, &c.	MONTAGNE	Brit. str.	—	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 14th Oct. at Noon.
SAN FRANCISCO via SHANGHAI, JAPAN, &c.	MONSIEUR	Jap. str.	—	W. W. Green	PACIFIC MAIL S.S. CO.	On 15th inst. at Noon.
SAN FRANCISCO via KEELUNG, SHAI & JAPAN, &c.	CHIO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	PACIFIC MAIL S.S. CO.	On 20th Oct. at 1 p.m.
SAN FRANCISCO via SHANGHAI & JAPAN, &c.	YERUSA	Jap. str.	—	M. Yagi	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 29th inst. at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS via MANILA.	PRINZ SIGISMUND	Ger. str.	—	F. Brueuning	MELOCHERS & CO.	On 7th Oct. at D'light.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS via MANILA.	MISHIMA MARU	Ger. str.	—	A. E. Moses	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 14th inst. a.m.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	PRINZ SIGISMUND	Ger. str.	—	F. Brueuning	MELOCHERS & CO.	About 19th inst.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	M. Winckler	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 27th inst. at Noon.
JAPAN.	TUJIAOEN	Jap. str.	—	V. Zwart	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE	Quick despatch.
MEXICAN, PERUVIAN & CHILEAN & JAPAN.	BUYO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	YOKO KISEN KAISHA	On 14th Oct. at Noon.
WHAIRWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN.	HUICHOW	Brit. str.	1 m.	H. Roberton	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 19th inst. at 4 p.m.
CHEFOO & NEWCHWANG.	NANCHANG	Brit. str.	1 m.	W. F. Richard	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 13th inst. at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI via SWATOW & NINGPO.	KWONGSANG	Brit. str.	—	K. Soyeda	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD.	On 15th inst.
SHANGHAI MOJI & KOBE.	BENGO MARU	Brit. str.	—	G. W. Cockman, R.N.R.	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 14th inst. at 7 a.m.
SHANGHAI.	ASSAYE	Brit. str.	—	Benson	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 14th inst. at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI.	CHISHUA	Brit. str.	1 m.	Raidich	SANDER, WIELER & CO.	On 14th inst. at 3 p.m.
SHANGHAI YOKOHAMA & KOBE.	AUSTRIA	Aus. str.	—	M. Courtney	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD.	On 15th inst. at Noon.
SHANGHAI.	CHONGSANG	Brit. str.	—	S. H. Belson	DARVE SASSON & CO., LTD.	On 15th inst. at Noon.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & MOJI.	GREGORY APCAR	Brit. str.	—	J. B. Harris	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 16th inst. at M'night.
SHANGHAI.	ANHUI	Brit. str.	1 m.	Eckhorn	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 22nd inst.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	SENEGAMBIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	W. R. Le Mare	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 21st inst.
SHANGHAI MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	SIMATRA R.N.R.	Brit. str.	—	H. S. Bradshaw	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 17th October.
SHANGHAI.	DEIHI	Brit. str.	—	G. Meiners	MELOCHERS & CO.	About 20th inst.
SHANGHAI TSINGTAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	DEFFLINGER	Ger. str.	—	Brailley	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD.	On 26th inst. at Noon.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & MOJI.	KUTSANG	Ger. str.	—	—	OLDF WIK & CO., LTD.	About 23rd inst.
SHANGHAI YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI.	CANTON	Swed. str.	—	J. B. v. Danne Jelsh	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE	Quick despatch.
SHANGHAI.	TUPANAS	Dut. str.	—	—	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 13th inst. at 10 a.m.
POOCHOW via SWATOW & AMOY.	CHOSHUN MARU	Jap. str.	—	J. S. Roach	DOUGLAS LARPAIK & CO.	To-day, at 1 p.m.
SWATOW, AMOY & POOCHOW.	HAITANG	Brit. str.	2 h.	J. W. Evans	DOUGLAS LARPAIK & CO.	To-morrow, at 1 p.m.
SWATOW, AMOY & POOCHOW.	HAITANG	Brit. str.	2 h.	J. W. Evans	DOUGLAS LARPAIK & CO.	On 15th inst. at 1 p.m.
TAKAO ANPING via SWATOW & AMOY.	SOSHI MARU	Jap. str.	—	Sidford	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-morrow, at 4 p.m.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO.	KAIFONG	Brit. str.	1 m.	P. H. Rolfe	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 16th inst. at 2 p.m.
MANILA.	YUNESANG	Brit. str.	—	F. Penfold	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD.	On 19th inst. at 4 p.m.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO.	TAMING	Brit. str.	1 m.	M. C. Smith	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	On 20th inst. at 4 p.m.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO.	ZAPIRO	Am. str.	—	Teak	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD.	On 23rd inst. at 2 p.m.
MANILA.	LOONGSANG	Ital. str.	—	Figari	CARLOWITZ & CO.	To-day, at Noon.
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE & PENANG.	CLAY	Jap. str.	—	Tozawa	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 19th inst.
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE & COLOMBO.	CEYLON MARU	Jap. str.	—	H. Koops	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE	Quick despatch.
BATAVIA, CHERIBON, SAMARANG, &c.	TIKIRI	Dut. str.	1 m.	F. Jamieson	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow, at Daylight.
IOHLOW & SAMARANG & SOUBABAYA.	SINGAN	Brit. str.	—	S. J. Payne	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD.	On 13th inst. at Noon.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA.	YATSHING	Brit. str.	—	A. Stewart	DARVE SASSON & CO., LTD.	On 15th inst. at 5 p.m.
SANDAKAN.	JAPAN	Brit. str.	—	Wagell	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD.	On 15th inst. at Noon.
RUDAT & SANDAKAN.	MAUSUNG	Brit. str.	—	F. Semblil	MELOCHERS & CO.	Middle of Sept.
KWANG CHOW WANG & HAIPHONG.	BORNEO	Ger. str.	—	E. de Catinat	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 13th inst. at 9 a.m.
	SE-KIANG	Frans. str.	—			

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SHANGHAI, TSINGTAI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	"DERFFLINGER"	17,000	About 20th Sept.
MANILA, YAP, MARON, SAMARANG, NEW GUINEA, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE.	"PRINZ SIGISMUND"	6,000	Saturday, 7th Oct. D'light.
KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	"PRINZ SIGISMUND"	6,000	About 19th Sept.
KUDAT and SANDAKAN.	"BORNEO"	5,000	Middle of Sept.

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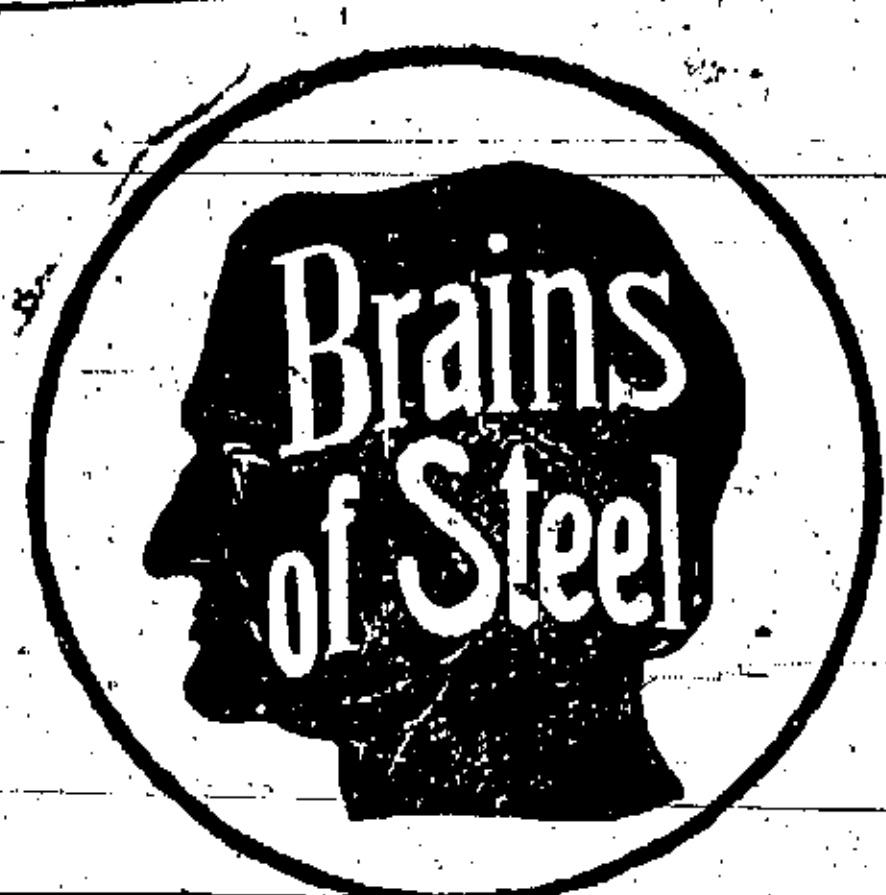
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The Asiatic, with the English Mail, left Singapore on Friday, the 8th inst., at 6.00 p.m., and may be expected here on Wednesday, the 13th inst., at about 2.00 p.m. This packet brings the parcel mails closed in London for despatch by the all sea route on the 10th August, and for despatch overlaid on the 17th August.

The Sialay, with the French Mail, is expected to arrive here to-day.

FOR	PER	DATE
Pakhoi and Haiphong	Hanoi	Monday, 11th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haitan	Monday, 11th, Noon
Singapore, Penang and Bombay	Copri	Monday, 11th, 11.00 A.M.
Macao	Sui Tai	Monday, 11th, 1.15 P.M.
SWANDBAY, NAGASAKI, KORE AND YOKOHAMA	Sydney	Monday, 11th, 4.00 P.M.
SIBERIAN MAIL TO EUROPE	Singap	Monday, 11th, 5.00 P.M.
Haikow and Haiphong	Johanne	Tuesday, 12th, 8.00 A.M.
Haikow and Pakhoi	Kwongkong	Tuesday, 12th, 10.00 A.M.
Ningpo and Shanghai	Tyikini	Tuesday, 12th, 10.00 A.M.
Batavia, Cherbon, Samarang and Sourabaya		
EUROPE, INDIA VIA TUTICORIN, Late Letters 11.00 A.M. to Noon. Extra Postage 10 cents.		
Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first Clearance will be included in this contract mail.		
Swatow	Haikow	Tuesday, 12th, Noon
Macao	Sui Tai	Tuesday, 12th, 1.15 P.M.
Manila, Cebu and Iloilo	Kayfong	Tuesday, 12th, 3.00 P.M.
KERLING, SHANGHAI, MOJI, KORE, YOKOHAMA, SHIMIDZU, YOKOHAMA, VICTORIA and SPARTLE	Inaba Maru	Tuesday, 12th, 3.00 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Colombo	Tango Maru	Tuesday, 12th, 5.00 P.M.
Singapore, Samarang and Sourabaya	Yatsushiro	Wednesday, 13th, 11.00 A.M.
Macao	Sui Tai	Wednesday, 13th, 1.15 P.M.
Chetoo and Newchwang	Nanchang	Wednesday, 13th, 3.00 P.M.
Fort Ruyard and Haiphong	Sikong	Wednesday, 13th, 8.00 A.M.
Moji, Manzanillo and Guaymas (Mexico)	Largo Law	Wednesday, 13th, 4.00 P.M.
SHANGHAI	Assaye	Wednesday, 13th, 5.00 P.M.
SIBERIAN MAIL TO EUROPE	Sui Tai	Thursday, 14th, 1.15 P.M.
Macao	Chinhua	Thursday, 14th, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai		

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Manila (Taking Mails for Cebu and Iloilo)
Macao
Shanghai
SIBERIAN MAIL TO EUROPE

Kobe
Bandakan
Batavia, Cherbon, Samarang, Sourabaya and
Macao
Timor, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Melbourne, Adelaide, Dunedin, Perth and Fremantle
Manila, Cebu and Iloilo
Weihaiwei, Chetoo and Tientsin

Yuenan
Sui Tai
Anhui
Tijitaroom
Mausang
Tijitajap
Eastern
Taming
Hutchow

Tuesday, 19th, 11.00 A.M.
Tuesday, 19th, 3.00 P.M.
Tuesday, 19th, 3.00 P.M.

COMMERCIAL.

EXCHANGE CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

September 9th.	
ON LONDON	1/9 1/2
Telegraphic Transfer	1/9 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	1/9 1/2
Bank Bills, at 30 days sight	1/9 1/2
Bank Bills, at 4 months sight	1/9 1/2
Credits, at 4 months sight	1/10
Documentary Bills 4 months sight	1/10 1/2
ON PARIS	225 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	225 1/2
Credits, at 4 months sight	230 1/2
ON GERMANY	184
On demand	184
ON NEW YORK	43 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	43 1/2
Credits, at 60 days sight	44 1/2
ON BOMBAY	134
Telegraphic Transfer	134
Bank, on demand	134 1/2
ON CALCUTTA	134
Telegraphic Transfer	134
Bank, on demand	134 1/2
ON SHANGHAI	75 1/2
Bank, at sight	75 1/2
Private, 30 days sight	76
ON YOKOHAMA	89
On demand	89
ON MANILA	83
On demand	83
ON SINGAPORE	76 1/2
On demand	76 1/2
ON BATAVIA	108
On demand	108
ON HAIPHONG	11 1/2 p.m.
On demand	11 1/2 p.m.
ON SAIGON	83 1/2
On demand	83 1/2
ON BANGKOK	111.10
On demand	111.10
SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate	\$57.70
GOLD LION, 100 fine, per oz.	\$57.70
BAR SILVER, per oz.	\$24.4d.

SUBSIDIARY COINS.	
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Chinese	20 cents pieces \$5.28 discount.
Chinese	10 " \$5.00 "
Hongkong	20 " \$5.00 "
Hongkong	10 " \$5.94 "

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS CASH.
BANKS.				
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Corporation	120,000	\$125	all	\$890, sales
China Borneo Company, Limited	60,000	\$12	all	\$250, sales
China Light and Power Company, Limited	50,000	\$5	all	\$1.50
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$10	all	\$83
COTTON MILLS.				
Ewe Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	20,000	Tls. 50	all	Tls. 55.
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	125,000	\$10	all	\$54
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10,000	Tls. 75	all	Tls. 45.
Loan-Kang-Mow C. Spin. & Weav. Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 100	all	Tls. 62.
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Limited	20,000	Tls. 50	all	Tls. 23.
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	40,000	\$7 1/2	all	\$23, buyers
DOCKS AND WHARVES.				
H'kong & Kowloon Wharf & G. Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$50	all	\$49 1/2, buyers
Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$50	all	\$50, buyers
New Amoy Dock Co., Limited	10,000	\$63	all	\$8, sellers
Shanghai Dock & Engineering Co., Ltd.	55,700	Tls. 100	all	Tls. 53, buyers
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Co., Ltd.	36,000	Tls. 100	all	Tls. 86, x div.
Green Island Cement Co., Limited	400,000	\$10	all	\$3.85, buyers
Hongkong & China Gas Co., Limited	7,000	\$10	all	\$200
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	60,000	\$10	all	\$213, buyers
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	\$50	all	\$119, buyers
Manila Metropole Hotel Limited	8,000	\$10	all	\$72, buyers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	15,000	\$25	all	\$11
Hongkong Road Manufacturing Co., Limited	50,000	\$10	all	\$165
H'kong & South China Steam Fisheries Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$10	all	\$18
INSURANCES.				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Limited	10,000	\$250	all	\$204, buyers
China Fire Insurance Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	all	\$123 1/2, buyers
China Trade Insurance Co., Limited	24,000	\$83.33	all	\$105.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited	6,000	\$250	all	\$560, buyers
North China Insurance Co., Limited	10,000	\$15	all	Tls. 155, buyers
Union Insurance Society, Limited	12,400	\$250	all	\$820, buyers
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REFINERIES.				
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